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SUBJ: SYRIA RESPONDS TO IRAQI ATTACKS

1. DAMASCUS PRESS BANNERED APRIL 7 SPEECH OF BAATH PARTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL ABDALLAH AL-AHMAR DELIVERED ON TWENTY-EIGHT ANNIVERSARY FOUNDING OF BAATH PARTY, IN WHICH AL-AHMAR VOCIFEROUSLY ATTACKED IRAQI BAATHIST REGIME. BLASTING "ROLE OF DUBIOUS DEFEATISM FOLLOWED BY FASCIST RIGHT IN IRAQ," HE ACCUSED IRAQ OF ACQUIESCING IN POLICY OF PARTIAL SEPARATE SETTLEMENTS "CONCOCTED IN WASHINGTON AND TEL AVIV," OF COLLUDING IN EFFORTS TO SPLIT ARAB SOLIDAIRITY, AND OF SQUANDERING ARAB RIGHT TO WATERS SHATT AL-ARAB AND LAND OF "ARABSTAN, WHOSE AREA IS EQUAL TO AREA OF SYRIA AND TO SEVEN TIMES AREA OF PALESTINE."

2. APRIL 9 AL-THAWRAH REPORTED THAT ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE OF REGIONAL BAATH
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PARTY CONGRESS CURRENTLY IN SESSION HAS CONDEMNED

THE IRAQI REGIME AND "DEPLORED" ITS SQUANDERING OF
ARAB RIGHTS TO SHATT AL-ARAB AND ARABSTAN.

3. COLUMNIST AMID KHULI IN APRIL 9 AL-BAATH
FURTHERED THE SYRIAN COUNTERATTACK, DECLARING THAT
IT WAS NO LONGER POSSIBLE MAINTAIN SILENCE IN
FACE OF TRANSGRESSIONS COMMITTED BY FASCIST IRAQI
REGIME WHOSE PRESENT RULERS, HE SAID, HAD EVEN
EXCEEDED NURI SAID'S INSOLENT DARING TO CEDE
LAND TO IRAN TO WHICH IRAQ HAD HISTORICAL RIGHT.
CONCLUDING WITH RITUAL ATTACK ON IRAQI BAATHISTS'
IDEOLOGICAL IMPURITIES, KHULI CONDEMNED REGIME FOR
"STABBING BAATHIST REVOLUTION IN IRAQ IN 1963," AND
FOR OTHER ACTS WHICH TOGETHER SHOW THAT IRAQI REGIME
IS NOT ENTITLED TO BEAR THE NAME "BAATH".
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